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"Well—maybe IT IS a DOUBLE-DATE, I dunno!"

### EDISON POWER CHANGE DUE HERE IN SEPTEMBER

According to a statement by C. C. Bartlett, district manager, the change over of the Southern California Edison Company's 50-cycle system to a uniform 60-cycle system rapidly is becoming a reality, climaxing many months of planning. The frequency change program got under way in Sept., 1946. Torrance is scheduled to be changed in September and October. Lomita is scheduled to be changed in September of this year.

Although the rest of the world generally has standardized at 50 cycles, the United States has gradually tended toward the use of 60 cycles, until in recent years only the Edison territory remained a 50-cycle area. It is apparent that Edison customers will benefit from using the same uniform current that is used in the rest of the nation, but until now it has been inadvisable for the change to be made.

Among the advantages of using 60-cycle current will be the ability of residents here to enjoy the various frequency-sensitive items such as record players, timers and automatic washing machines now being produced in increasing quantities for 60-cycle use. Not only are 50-cycle devices becoming increasingly difficult to find, but because of their limited production they usually cost more than similar 60-cycle devices. It has been estimated that Edison customers will save hundreds of thousands of dollars a year as a result of the frequency change program, due to the growing difference in cost between 50-cycle and 60-cycle equipment. The troublesome matter of having frequency-sensitive equip-

ment cycle-changed when moving in or out of Edison territory will be eliminated, too, and dealers and service firms will be able to render better service because of the greater ease in obtaining replacement parts for 60-cycle equipment.

In each locality, Edison first determines what changes are required in its customers' equipment and then arranges for the necessary adjustments to be made at Edison's expense. Some adjustments in business and professional equipment are made well in advance of the actual change of current, but changes necessary in domestic equipment are made within a few days before or after the current is changed.

The nationally-known contracting firm of Sine and Webster Engineering Corporation has been engaged by Edison to survey and adapt commercial and industrial equipment here and elsewhere in Edison's system, Bartlett said, and will call on some firms several months in advance of the change in frequency in order to arrange for delivery of necessary adjustment parts.

Owners of deep-well turbine pumps will be contacted far in advance of the change in frequency in order that arrangements may be made for pump conversions either by the Edison Company or by the owner, if desired.

Residences here will be visited by Edison representatives a few weeks before the current is changed. Appliances found to require adjustment will be tagged for the information of the householder and for the guidance of the workmen who will follow later to make the actual adjustment in the homes. Most appliances, however, will require no adjustment, since the majority of 50-cycle appliances now in use will operate satisfactorily on 60-cycle current without change, Bartlett said. Exceptions are automatic and spinner-type washing machines, record players, clocks, timing devices, some types of home workshop equipment and devices that are time-controlled by synchronous motors.

To accomplish the change, Edison established a separate department in July, 1945 and now has more than 600 employees working on the project, in addition to about 1,000 employees of the contractors it has engaged.

About 700,000 Edison customers will benefit from the change in frequency. Since these customers are located in the immense territory served by Edison within the area roughly bounded by Santa Barbara, Tehachapi, Redlands, Laguna Beach, Long Beach and Santa Monica, the program is a tremendous undertaking. Even though the program has moved steadily from one area to another since September, 1946, it will be October, 1948 before the last customers are changed over to 60-cycle current, Bartlett said.

### May Reclaim Sewer Water

Further steps looking toward providing additional water supply to the County of Los Angeles have been taken by the Board of Supervisors.

A resolution creating the position of Civil Engineer 4 was passed by the board. Supervisor Darby stated that the purpose of this new position would be to handle the additional work in the County Engineer's Office, in making a study and report regarding the reclamation of a portion of the water now going to waste through the outfall sewer system.

In the neighborhood of two hundred million gallons of water are discharged into the ocean each day through the outfall at Hyperion, and another hundred million through the outfall at White Point, according to Supervisor Darby, and it is the Board's intention to investigate the feasibility of reclaiming at least a portion of this water and return it to the land.

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